Implementation of authentication code "pcc" and change in coding practice of 008/39 cataloging source code in CONSER records

042 code "pcc"

Beginning May 1, 2009 all CONSER institutions will use the authentication code "pcc" in place of codes "lcd" and "lc" in records newly authenticated and distributed as part of the CONSER Program. The code will be used in records for both serials and integrating resources. This implementation follows up on a recommendation made in the 2006 report of the PCC Working Group on Authentication Codes and Encoding Levels for Serials and Integrating Resources <http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/authcodes_finalreport.pdf> and as decided at the CONSER Operations meeting in May 2008 <http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/CONSER-opco-summary-2008.pdf>

Catalogers do not need to change authentication codes lcd and lc on existing records to "pcc"

008/39 code "c"

Beginning May 1, 2009 CONSER practice for coding the 008/39 cataloging source will also change. CONSER institutions, other than CONSER national libraries, will use code "c" (defined as "cooperative cataloging program") in all records - original or copy - authenticated and distributed as part of the CONSER Program. Previously, authenticated records based on existing copy were coded "d" (defined as "other") by default. The new practice harmonizes with BIBCO practices and will facilitate OCLC processing of CONSER records for integrating resources and serials.

Catalogers do not need to change cataloging source code on existing records to "c."

The coding practices of national bibliographic agencies participating in CONSER, (e.g. the Library of Congress, Library and Archives Canada, National Library of Medicine, and National Agricultural Library) will not change. These agencies will continue to use code blank in the 008/39 for original and previously unauthenticated OCLC records.

Instructions in *CONSER Editing Guide* sections 042 and 008/39 will be updated as will the introduction of *Descriptive Cataloging Manual* section Z1.